

U.S. Military Academy - Married Enlisted Men's Quarters No. 352  
East side of Washington Road, north of  
intersection with Buckner Hill Loop  
U.S. Military Academy  
West Point  
Orange County  
New York

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U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY - MARRIED ENLISTED MEN'S QUARTERS NO. 352

LOCATION: East side of Washington Road, north of intersection with Buckner Hill Loop, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, Orange County, New York.

USGS, West Point Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator  
Coordinates: 18.586010.4583500.

PRESENT OWNER AND OCCUPANT: U.S. Military Academy, Department of the Army.

PRESENT USE: Family Housing - Non-Commissioned Officer.

SIGNIFICANCE: Quarters No. 352 is an example of mid-nineteenth century housing to accommodate the enlisted men on the military post away from the cadets at the Academy. A number of similar, small duplex units were constructed at the time for this purpose.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: ca. 1865 (Lange)
2. Architect: Presumably the Army Quartermaster's Office.
3. Original and subsequent owners: U.S. Military Academy, Department of the Army.
4. Builder: Unknown.
5. Alterations and additions: There are two shed roof additions on the rear.

- B. Historical Context: For the historical and architectural context of this building within the overall development of West Point see HABS No. NY-5708, Volume 2, "West Point: An Overview of the History and Physical Development of the United States Military Academy."

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Quarters No. 352 is a two story vernacular frame structure that was economically erected to accommodate the personnel of the military post at West Point. While it has no outstanding

architectural merit, its simplicity of form and detailing nevertheless provide a comfortable, domestic appearance.

2. Condition of fabric: The building is in good condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: Quarters No. 352 is a rectangular structure, approximately 40' x 30', with six bays on the front (west) and rear (east) and two bays on the north and south elevations. To the rear are two shed roofed 7' x 7' additions that rise from the basement to the first level.
2. Foundation: The foundation is of stone, laid in a random pattern.
3. Walls: The exterior walls of Quarters No. 352 are covered with shiplap siding. Two vents are located in the gable peak.
4. Structural systems: Wood stud load-bearing walls provide the wall's structural system, while the floors have wood joists and the roof has wood rafters.
5. Porches, chimneys: Two porches correspond to the two main entries on the west facade. The shed roof is supported by 4" x 4" posts decorated with brackets having a heart shaped cut out. The wood railing is beveled, while the wood balusters are square.

Two rectangular brick chimneys exist along the gable ridge. Two protruding courses create a capping element near the top.

6. Openings:
  - a. Doorways: Four doorways lead into the main level: two wood front doors, with two panels below and six lights above in the two middle bays of the facade; and two wood rear doors, with three horizontal panels below and four lights above.
  - b. Windows: Six-over-six double-hung wood sash with plain wood trim and drip molding exist on all windows on the first and second floors. In the northwest corner of the building is a three light pivoting wood window in the basement. The rest of the basement has four light windows.
7. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: The gable roof is covered with gray slate.
  - b. Eaves: The roof has raking, boxed-in eaves.

C. Description of the Interior:

1. Floor plans: Quarters No. 352 is a duplex with two identical units separated by an east-west party wall. Quarters No. 352B was inspected for the purposes of this survey. The dwelling has a total of four

rooms, a kitchen and a living room on the first level, and two bedrooms and a bathroom on the second, with a stairway running along the party wall. Overall, the plan is simple and functional.

2. Stairways: A straight run stair leads from the first floor to the second, with wood risers and treads. Beneath this is an open riser, straight run stair leading from the first floor to the basement.
3. Flooring: Except for linoleum in the kitchen, heart pine flooring is used throughout.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plasterboard painted white is used for the walls and ceilings.
5. Openings:
  - a. Doorways: Quarters No. 352B has hollow core wood panel doors with plain 3" wood trim.
6. Mechanical systems:
  - a. Heating: Steam radiators provide heat for the building.
  - b. Lighting: Incandescent lighting is used throughout.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: Quarters No. 352 is oriented to the west and built into a hill that slopes down from west to east and north to south. Fronting on Washington Road, the quarters are reached by descending a sloped front yard from the street. Across Washington Road the land slopes gently upward, eventually reaching a sizable residential district. To the south are four small brick duplexes descending the hill. To the east is a rear service road, then the land slopes down to Buckner Loop and a large shopping area. To the north, across the service road and up a rise, are more residential quarters situated in a tree covered area. Except for two deciduous trees, one to the north and one to the southwest, the site is exposed.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Architectural Drawings: There are no known original drawings. Subsequent alteration drawings are located in the Facilities Engineer's Office, Directorate of Engineering and Housing, U.S. Military Academy.
- B. Early Views: Early photographs are located in the U.S. Military Academy Archives and Special Collections. Some of these are reproduced in the Grashof and Lange volumes of this project.
- C. Bibliography:
  1. Primary and unpublished sources:

Records, U.S. Military Academy Archives and Special Collections. See

bibliographic essay in the Lange volume of this project for a listing of record groups.

2. Secondary and published sources:

Grashof, Bethanie C. "Building Analysis and Preservation Guidelines for Category I and Selected Category II Buildings at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York," Historic American Buildings Survey, 1983. HABS No. NY-5708.

Lange, Robie S. "West Point: An Overview of the History and Physical Development of the United States Military Academy," Historic American Buildings Survey, 1983. HABS No. NY-5708.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM TO  
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